

**Liebe Tourismus-Interessierte, Liebe Freunde und Freundinnen des GATE-Stammtischs,** im Monat Oktober widmet sich der GATE-Stammtisch in Kooperation mit TourismWatch dem Thema Community Based Tourism. Wir freuen uns besonders unseren Gast **Sumesh Mangalasseri\*** aus Indien begrüßen zu dürfen.

Zu diesem interessanten Thema möchten wir Sie/Euch auch dieses Mal wieder herzlich einladen.

**Dienstag, den 14 Oktober (Tuesday, 14th of October)**

**"Oppose and Propose"- Strategies for more sustainability in Indian tourism**

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The Indian government is promoting tourism in an aggressive manner and this results an unsustainable mass tourism and violations of human and other rights of local communities in tourism destinations, especially those who are marginalized. For many years, civil society organizations have been working with affected communities to protect their interests and resources. Facilitation of community tourism partnerships among farmers and local communities in Indian villages is one of the new

strategies to ensure people's participation and prevent the negative aspects of tourism. The communities involved take tourism as an additional income and the investment needed is minimal. This helps to avoid dependency on tourism. The political approach is a combination of **'Oppose and Propose'**. On the one hand, communities and civil society organizations 'oppose' unsustainable mass tourism and its ill effects and on the other hand they 'propose' a better model of tourism where local communities get most of its benefits. By facilitating capacity enhancement programs, an effective exchange of experiences and expertise is developed to monitor the negative impacts of tourism. This activity enables local communities to intervene in policy making and management of tourism and contribute to the holistic development of villages.

**Sumesh Mangalasseri** has been a tourism researcher and campaigner for sustainable tourism for many years. Currently he is the director of KABANI – the other direction, a nonprofit research and campaign organization working on the negative impacts of tourism on communities and natural resources ([www.kabanitour.com](http://www.kabanitour.com)). He is also Chairman and Managing Director of Kabani Community Tourism & Services (P) Ltd, a social entrepreneurship promoted and guided by the NGO KABANI and its vision to facilitate community tourism partnerships in India. This company promotes 'Not for profit travel', but at the same time ensures a fair share of benefits for everybody involved in its activities (value chain), including the research and advocacy activities of KABANI – the other direction (the not for profit organization).

**Wann/When?** ab 19 Uhr

**Wo/Where?** **Café Hundertwasser, Simon-Dach-Straße 39, 10245 Berlin, Friedrichshain, (U5 Samariterstraße, U/S Warschauer Straße, Tram 10 Grünberger Straße oder Bus 240 Boxhagener Platz).**

Um Weiterleitung an Interessierte wird gebeten.

Wie immer freuen wir uns auf eine zahlreiche Teilnahme aller Interessierten und eine rege Diskussion!